

VILJOEN MAY GO TO SOUTH AFRICA

Mesilla Valley Man Offered
Government Position Pay-
ing Over \$7000 Annually.

ASSISTANT MINISTER NATIVE AFFAIRS

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—Probate clerk Isidoro Armijo has just received a letter from a personal friend of Gen. B. J. Viljoen and himself, enclosing a copy of a cablegram which Gen. Viljoen received Thursday. The following is the cablegram: "Dear Gen. Viljoen, I am glad to hear of your return to South Africa. I am sure you will find the position of Assistant Minister of Native Affairs a most interesting one. I am sure you will find the position a most interesting one. I am sure you will find the position a most interesting one."

See to Prime Minister.
It is not known here whether Gen. Viljoen will accept the offer or not, but close friends of his state that he is undecided, as he has no desire to leave the Mesilla valley.

ELECTION IN CRUCES ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—In accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor Mills, the board of county commissioners of Dona Ana county has ordered that an election shall be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1910, in the various precincts of the county, at which election candidates shall be voted for by the legal qualified voters in each precinct for four delegates for the constitutional convention.

CATHOLIC RECTOR'S HOUSE BEING REMODELED

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—Rev. M. Vandermans of the Catholic church here is having the south half of the rector's house remodeled. New floors are being laid, new and larger windows placed and the interior rearranged so as to make the house much more convenient. The outside will be refinished also.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT TO BURNING CAR

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—The city fire department was called out yesterday to the Santa Fe depot, where a carload of fertilizer had been set on fire by a carelessly thrown cigarette by one of the Mexican laborers.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—The following persons are registered at the hotel Don Bernardo: D. E. Conner, El Paso; E. P. Pardee, Kansas City; A. G. Sorensen, Kansas City; J. A. Quinn, Topeka; Joe Gordon, Kansas City; O. W. Underwood, El Paso; A. Zoller and wife, Springfield, Ill.; R. L. Lawshe, Mrs. A. L. Lawshe, James Lawshe, Mone Lawshe, Dripping Springs; L. T. Mara, St. Louis; P. H. Bailey, La Union.

CHANGE IN DRUG STORE.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—W. D. Tipton has sold an interest in the former Warren & Tipton drug store here to C. O. Hoffman, and the style of the new firm will be Hoffman & Tipton. Mr. Hoffman has been connected with the drug business here for several years.

BALLOT BOXES RECEIVED.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—Six new ballot boxes have been received by the county commissioners for use in the new precincts created here. These boxes will be used for the first time at the election for constitutional delegates to be held on Tuesday, September 6.

NEW MEAT MARKET.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—The Osborne Meat company has opened its new shop in the old Palace of Sweets building on Main street. The market is well equipped with new and sanitary fixtures.

MISSOURI STREET GETS NEW APARTMENT

Tracings are now being made for the three story Wilkins apartment building which is to be built on the corner of Oregon and Missouri streets. Edward Kneel is preparing the plans for the building which will be three stories in height, built of reinforced concrete with a large arched entrance on Missouri street. Work will begin on the apartment house in the fall.

PUMPING SAVES AN UPPER VALLEY ORCHARD AND CANTALOUPE PATCH

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—Dr. W. C. Fields has already proved the value of a pumping plant in the Mesilla valley, although his plant has only been in full operation for three days.

On his ranch, just west of Las Cruces he had several acres in cantaloupes and 1800 two year old Bartlett pear trees. When the Rio Grande went dry, Dr. Field gave an order for a pumping plant. He first had one well put down connected a six-inch centrifugal pump to it and started operations with a gasoline engine. The one well did not develop enough water and he immediately started work on a second well.

While boring this second well, Dr. Field kept his pump going on the first one and saved his cantaloupe crop.

As soon as the second well was completed the two were connected, and today he is throwing 600 gallons of water a minute and saving his pear orchard. Without the pumping plant he would have secured about \$600 worth of cantaloupes from his tract. With the well he has already shipped \$2000 worth of melons and in addition saved his trees. The wells, pump and engine cost about \$1100, the cantaloupe crop this year more than paying the amount.

Quite a number of other farmers in the valley are now figuring on pumping plants and next year will doubtless see twelve or fourteen more installed.

DONA ANA SCHOOLS HAVE MONEY LEFT

Report of County Superintendent Makes a Good Showing.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—V. B. May, school superintendent for Dona Ana county, has compiled his financial report for the year ending June 15, 1910. This report shows that the public schools of Dona Ana county have a good balance in the treasury. The report in full is as follows:

Receipts.
3 mill levy and land leases.....\$11,687.40
Poll tax.....789.25
Special levies.....10,437.00
2-3 license paid direct to district.....2,962.72
Fines.....509.00
Miscellaneous sources.....40.84
Total Money received.....\$26,417.21
Balance on hand June 15, 1909.....11,575.54

Grand Total.....\$37,992.75
Expenditures.
Total salary paid to teachers.....\$18,165.75
New buildings, grounds and furniture.....2,572.51
Repairs and improvements.....749.55
Rent and fuel.....128.15
Books for indigent children.....27.35
Interest on bonds.....868.39
Miscellaneous purposes.....2,617.21
Total expenditures.....\$25,498.85
Balance on hand June 15, 1910.....\$12,493.87



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MILLS BUILDING IS RISING IN THE AIR

A small forest of big pine boxes is rising on the concrete floor of the Anson Mills building. These are the columns of the structure which will support the second floor. They are being put in place preparatory to pouring the columns on the three units of the building that have been completed to the first floor.

CRUCES PEOPLE TRAVELING MUCH

Notes About Those Coming and Going—Some on Pleasure Trips.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—Mrs. John Thompson and family, who live in the Black Range, east of Organ, were in the city yesterday.

W. R. Bradford and family, of Shreveport, La., will arrive here next week from Mineral Wells, Texas, and remain throughout the winter. They were here last winter and consider this climate the very best there is on earth.

Mrs. A. M. Howland returned to El Paso yesterday after a visit of several days with friends in Las Cruces.

Don Guadalupe Ascarate was in the city yesterday.

J. F. Bonham returned yesterday morning from California. He and Mrs. Bonham have been spending the summer along the California coast and Mrs. Bonham remained in San Francisco, expecting to come home about the first of September.

Archie Poe returned yesterday from Colorado Springs and other Colorado points, where he has been on business for the past two months. He will reenter the Agricultural college this fall.

J. L. McCullough took the delayed Santa Fe train for El Paso yesterday.

F. M. Hayner returned from a business trip to El Paso yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sutherland and son went to Shimmers' ranch in the Organ mountains, east of Las Cruces, on Thursday. Mr. Sutherland returned yesterday, but Mrs. Sutherland and son will remain for about two weeks.

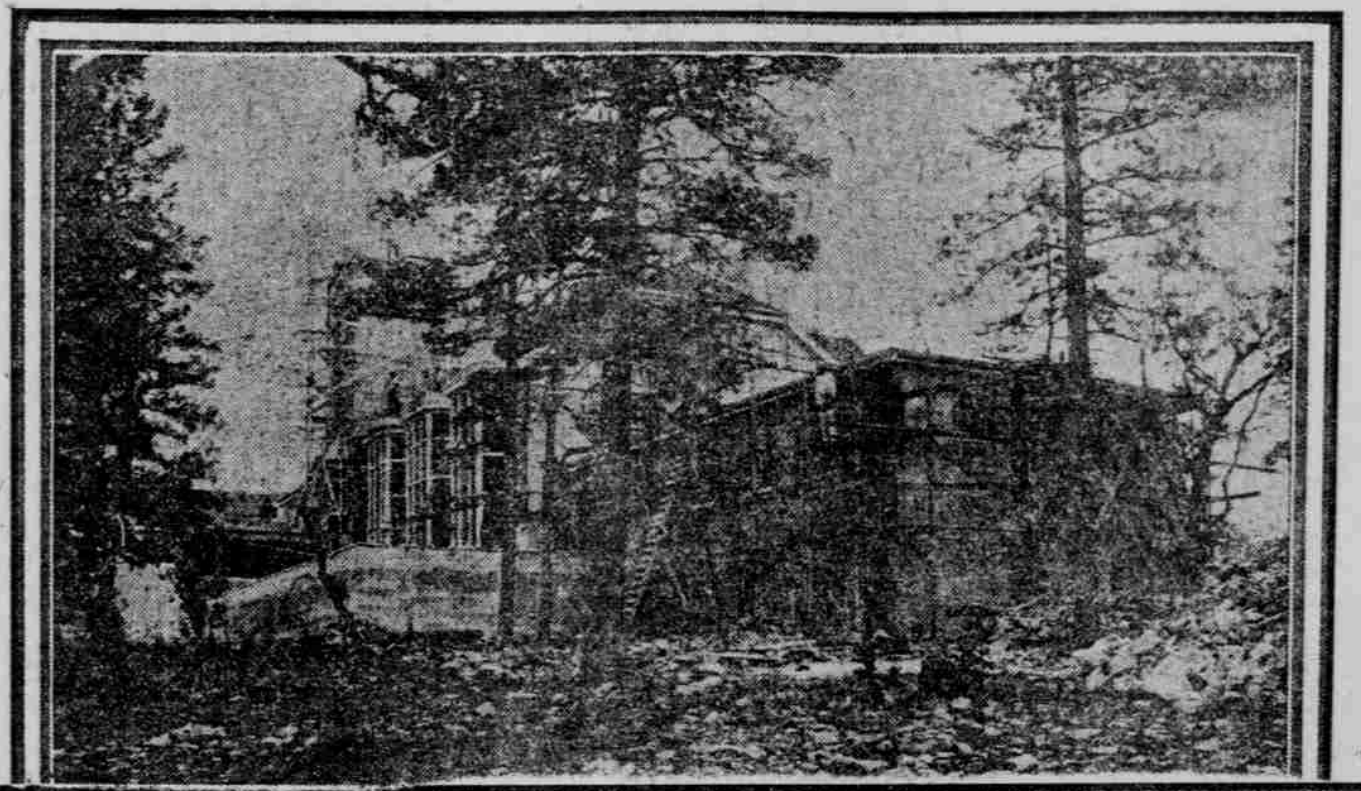
H. C. Newberry and wife, of Leasburg, were Las Cruces visitors yesterday and today.

N. S. Mitchell and wife, of El Paso, are expected at Mesilla Park tonight. In company with Prof. S. R. Mitchell, of the Agricultural college, and father, J. W. Mitchell, of Lafayette, Indiana, they will go to the Organ mountains for a week's camping and hunting trip.

Miss Nemecia Ascarate and Dan Hopps came in from Van Patten's Dripping Springs resort yesterday, returning this morning.

John Atkinson has returned to his home in Fairfield, Iowa, after an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. M. O. Llewellyn. Mr. Atkinson is well pleased with Las Cruces and the Mesilla valley, its climate and natural advantages having converted him into an enthusiastic booster for the country.

The New Lodge and Three of the New Cottages at Cloudcroft



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NEW BANK'S HOME TO BE HANDSOME

The El Paso Bank and Trust Company Quarters to Be Marble and Mahogany.

Work to begin in short time.

A mass of marble, plate glass, and mahogany wood with bronze trimmings will be the greeting that the eye of the El Paso Bank and Trust company's patrons will receive when the new home of the bank is opened in the new Sheldon building on November first.

The building will be finished in white marble, plate glass and mahogany. The floors will be made of white marble tile, the walls will be covered with white marble as high as the counters and all of the bank fixtures will be trimmed with the milk white marble.

The fixtures are to be the most modern yet brought to El Paso. They are to be of solid mahogany with heavy bronze trimmings and the furniture and fittings will be of the same wood. On the lobby side of the bank, the walls will be of plate glass and the entrances from the lobby, the plate and Oregon street will be through plate glass doors. Heavy chandeliers will be hung from the ceiling in art bronze finish and the electrical fixtures throughout will be of the same material.

The bank will have five cages when it is located in its new home on the plaza corner. The paying teller will be in the front of the room with the receiving teller, the savings department, Mexican money and collection department in the large room, which will measure 62 by 60. The cashier's office will be in front adjoining the paying teller's cage, and the private office will open into this office. The president's office will be just off the Oregon street entrance. This entrance will also give access to the safety deposit vault and department and also to the women's rest room, which is to be arranged artistically for the women patrons of the bank. The exterior of the bank will be covered with Tennessee marble, brown in color and more desirable than the white marble because of the reflection of the sun against the lighter material.

Work will begin on the remodeling of the northeast corner of the Sheldon building as soon as the Southwest railroad vacates its city offices in the opposite corner of the building. The Texas & Pacific will move into these rooms as soon as they are vacated and the workmen will begin building the vaults and preparing the room for the fixtures of the bank. The contract with the company requires that the room must be ready for the fixtures to be installed not later than October first and the newest of El Paso's banks will open for business in its new location on November first.

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HAVE BIG ANNEX

Work on the remodeling of the Providence hospital annex is being carried on by a large force of carpenters and is progressing rapidly. The second and third floors of the Maplewood apartment house adjoining the hospital will be connected with the main building and the first floor will be fitted with an office and matron's home.

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NEW STEEPLEJACK; HIS PERILOUS JOB

There is a new kind of steeplejack in town. He is the ground and lofty concrete worker who is forced by reason of his calling to climb around over the skeletonlike framework of the six, seven, eight and 12 story skyscrapers which are now being erected. He must be as fearless as his brother of the steel construction work, for his supports are often more frail than the steel workers who defy death on the narrow girders and supports of the steel buildings.

The concrete tower which carries the mixture to the top of the big buildings is a work of fearless artistry in itself. In order to extend it to the building grows from story to story, the workmen must crawl to the topmost point of the tower and splice it up into the sky piece by piece. He looks like a spiny ant at the top of the tower against the sky but his job is one of the most important on the job, for upon his skill depends the strength of the main artery through which the concrete life of the building is carried.

WALZ LAYS NEW
PRISM SIDEWALKS

The sidewalk in front of the W. G. Walls building is being laid. It is to be of prism glass in order to light the basement which has been extended under the sidewalk on the El Paso street front. A new walk will also be laid on the San Francisco street side as soon as the front walk is completed.

THIRD STORY FOR MOMSEN WAREHOUSE

Gus Mosen is adding a third story to his warehouse and store room on Second street. The improvements that are being made to the building will cost \$5000 when completed and will give an additional floor for the display and storage of goods. Krause & Reiser are superintending the work.

TENANT OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING

The first tenant has moved into the Reckhart flatiron building on San Francisco street. H. A. Carpenter & Bro. have moved their stock of goods from the building on the opposite side of the street and have occupied one of the east rooms of the new flatiron.

ARTISTIC CORNICE ON CAPLES BUILDING

The concrete cornice is being added to the six story Caples building. This cornice is to be as artistic and ornamental as some of the Paris patterns to be displayed below. Small shields and scrolls and wreaths are to decorate the frieze of the new Caples building.

ELEVATOR FOR NEW REALTY BUILDING

The Maple Realty company is arranging to install an elevator in the new building on San Francisco street into which the company has moved. The elevator will operate between the first and third floors and will be a modern electric passenger elevator.

INTERIOR FINISH FOR APARTMENTS

L. E. Clark is completing the interior finish of the Frank Scott structure on Arizona street opposite the high school. The building is an apartment house and is arranged for four separate apartments.

APARTMENT HOUSE READY FOR OWNERS

The Alexandria apartments which have just been completed on the corner of Oregon and Arizona streets are being decorated and will be occupied by the first of the month.

WEST SAN ANTONIO STREET IS GRADED

West San Antonio street is now graded and is ready for paving. This will be laid as soon as the filled part of the street has settled.

HIGH GRADE ORE IN THE ORGANS

Las Cruces Notes Considerable Activity Near That Place.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 13.—Dr. J. H. Johnson and George B. Lerchen are taking out some high grade ore from the Big Three claims which they own, and which are situated in the Organ mining district adjoining the Excelsior mine. The Big Three is a lead-silver proposition, carrying a little gold. The low grade ore from the vein carries about three hundred ounces of silver but quite a little of what has been taken out runs as high as one thousand ounces. The owners expect to ship a car load of the ore within a short time and will develop the property to its full capacity.

C. E. Rose, manager of the Mormon mine, has the new shaft on that property down to the one hundred foot level and expects to sink it two hundred feet further.

P. R. Davis of the Philadelphia company has reached the 150-foot level with the shaft on the Chippewa property and has just let a contract to Thorne & Cowan to cross-cut from the bottom of this shaft to the vein. He expects to open up a large body of good copper ore.

Nicholas Gallies, of the Stephenson-Bennett mine, states that he expects to have enough money raised within the next three or four weeks so that active operations can be commenced on the property.

BANK HOME TO GO EIGHT STORIES

Practically Settled That the American National Building Will Be Taller.

CONTRACTORS NOW FIGURING ON IT.

It is practically settled that the American National bank building will go eight stories. No verification of the report can be obtained at the temporary headquarters of the bank, but it is known that the contractors are now figuring on an extension of time which will be necessary in order to add the eighth story to the structure.

It is now up six stories and still going into the air. The tower which has been built through the center of the building for hoisting the concrete is almost as high as the building will be when it is completed making it the highest structure in El Paso until the completion of the new Anson Mills building.

MASONIC HOME LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN OF OLD

The old home won't seem like it used to when the Scottish Rite Masons return from the place where the river ought to be held in October. The second floor of the Masonic temple has been changed, the west stairway closed and the entrance to the main lodge room changed from one end of the building to the other. The second floor with the exception of the bline lodge and Scottish Rite club rooms has been leased to the Popular Dry Goods company and has been converted into a department of the store.

EL PASO CONCERN SUPPLIES PARTITION TILES FOR BUILDING

The El Paso Brick company, the plant across the place where the river ought to be, has the contract for furnishing the building tile for the new Anson Mills building. These tiles are used for the partition walls of the big concrete skyscraper and the same company is furnishing the American National bank building and the Roberts-Banner building with the same material.

GROCERY STORE IS SOLD IN HIGHLAND PARK

Burt Swift is planning to emulate his name by establishing a quick delivery grocery in Highland Park. He has bought the grocery of J. F. Nix in the highlands through the Newman Investment company, paying \$1100 for the store.

SETTING PLATE GLASS ON FIRST FLOOR OF BUILDING

The plate glass for the first floor store rooms of the Roberts-Banner building is now being set in its copper frames. The marble in the first floor lobby is also being set and the outside finish put on the big building.

TO BOOST ALTURA PARK.

Downing & Currell, the new real estate firm which has offices in the Morgan building on Mesa avenue, is planning to boost Altura park. During the fall it will build five brick cottages for rental and sale purposes and will later build as many more.

RESIDENCE IS SOLD.

F. E. Justus has sold his home on California street to H. F. Mueller for \$3500. The purchaser is the new manager of the Rio Grande Abstract company and will occupy the house as a residence. The sale was made by the Lone Star Land company.

SCHULTZ BUILDING ELEVATOR.

The elevator for the Schultz building has arrived and will be installed next week. It is an Otis electric elevator similar to the ones that are now in use in the big office buildings.

VALLEY LAND IS VERY ACTIVE

Valley land has begun to move again. The Newman Investment company has sold 100 acres of land in the lower valley to J. A. Esper, of Van Horn, for \$25 an acre.

The same company has also sold to J. Bell a tract containing 26 acres in the valley for the same price per acre.

H. M. Mundy paid \$15,000 for 411 acres in the upper valley this week.

El Paso Girl Only 15, Writes Songs and Marches



Miss Vivian Bray Has Had
One of her Compositions
Published.

Miss Vivian Bray of East El Paso, has joined the ranks of composers and has issued a piece of music of her own composition.

Though but 15 years of age, Miss Bray has written more than one piece of music, and is an accomplished player, appearing to have a natural gift for such things.

"The Rio Grande Twopenny" is the title of the piece of music which has just been issued, and "We're On Our Way," the title of a song which she has forwarded to the publishers. It will be brought out shortly, she believes.

Miss Bray is the stepdaughter of C. M. Berryhill, of East El Paso, and attends Lamar school. She has lived in El Paso for eight years, having come here from Roswell, N. M.

POPULAR GETS SHOW WINDOW INCREASE

The west side of the Popular store looks as if the Mexican revolutionists had been bombarding it with grape and canister. A new display window 35 feet in length is being built in the west side of the building and the brick is being removed from the entire west exposure of the first floor. The display windows will have 2500 feet of plate glass and will connect with the windows that are now on this side of the store.